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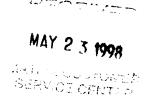
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PROCESSES FOR INHIBITING AND FOR

INDUCING FLOWER FORMATION IN PLANTS

New York, New York July 17, 1998

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231



SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the March 17, 1998 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a three-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a). With the extension, the time for replying is extended up to and including July 17, 1998.